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SOURCE **Soviet newspapers as indicated. (Information requested.)****DOBASS AND KARAGANDA COAL MINES FULFILL 1948 PLAN****DOBASS PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE -- Pravda Ukraina, No 32, 9 Feb 49**

Miners and engineers of the "Dobassantrestit" Combine fulfilled the 1948 coal mining production plan ahead of schedule. Output in the combine's mines increased 21.5 percent in 1948, as compared to 1947, and amounted to 108,000 tons of anthracite above plan. Labor efficiency increased 10 percent in 1948 as against 1947, and savings above plan for the year amounted to 3,230,000 rubles.

During the past 3 years, 205 workers of the combine fulfilled their Five-Year Plans. The pledges for 1949 are as follows: to mine 100,000 tons of anthracite above plan, to reach the 1950 production level in the last quarter of 1949, to guarantee a 16.5 percent increase in labor efficiency as against 1948, to lower production costs and save 4.9 million rubles above plan in 1949, to fulfill the annual plan for housing construction during the first half of 1949, and to put into operation three new mines with a total capacity of one million tons of coal per year.

Pravda Ukraina, No 30, 6 Feb 49

The "Voroshilovgradugol'" coal miners fulfilled the 1948 production plan ahead of schedule and produced 181,200 tons of coal above plan. Compared with 1947, the coal output of the combine increased 21.5 percent, and labor efficiency increased 11.8 percent, including that of coal cutters by 19.8 percent.

Ten mines were reconstructed and put into operation, and 128,300 square meters of housing were built in 1948. Many new types of mining machinery designed by Soviet engineers, were used in the mines in 1948.

Pravda Ukraina, No 31, 8 Feb 49

V. S. Fadeyev, chief of the "Voroshilovgradugol'" Combine, has stated that work in the combine mines improved considerably during 1948. The plan for preparatory work was fulfilled 109.5 percent. All the cut coal was delivered

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to its destination. Mechanization of coal cutting is 97.3 percent above the prewar level. Mechanization of hauling also exceeds the prewar level.

In Mine No 5-bis of the "Voroshilovgradugol" Combine, the cutting machine produces 4,200 tons of coal, and in the "Delta" Mine, 3,400 tons. The old-type cutter produced only 2,800-3,000 tons in these same mines. Production per miner has risen from 1.8 to 2.6 tons per shift.

Additional production increases are planned for 1949. Coal cutting is to be stepped up 18 percent as compared with 1948. This will permit the attainment of the level provided by the Five-Year Plan for 1950, at the end of 1949.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 3, 5 Jan 49

Miners of the Order of Lenin "Rostovugol" Combine completed the annual plan for 1948 for coal mining and mine preparatory work on 24 December. The average daily volume of coal mined increased 16.1 percent over 1947. The annual plan for mine preparatory work was fulfilled 114 percent, and at present, 60 percent more coal is being mined than in 1940. The combine is producing 300,000 tons of coal above the plan by the end of the year. (From a letter to Stalin, signed by N. Patolichov, secretary of the Rostov Oblast Committee of the VKP(b), and I. Ivchin, chief of the Order of Lenin "Rostovugol" Combine.)

TWO NEW UKRAINIAN MINES OPENED -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 4, 7 Jan 49

The first sections of the large Mine No 16-16 imeni "Izvestiya" and Mine No 152 of the "Krasnoluchugol" Trust have been put into operation. The capacity of these newly-reconstructed mines is 1½ times their prewar capacity.

NEW MINES IN RYAZAN' OBLAST -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 34, 11 Feb 49

The "Oktyabr'shakhstroy" (Oktyabr' Mine Construction) Trust has completed construction of the first Artsibashov Coal Mine in the Miloslavskiy Rayon. The mine is equipped with the latest machinery. Various processes in coal mining and hauling have been completely mechanized and the mine has already yielded the first few hundred tons of coal. Two other mines were recently put into operation.

KIZEL BASIN EXCEEDS PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 3, 5 Jan 49

Miners of the Kizel Coal Basin completed the annual plan on 25 December. Mines of the Western Urals increased the volume of coal mined in 1948 over 1947 by 690,000 tons. In November and December, the average daily mining of coal for the "Molotovugol" Combine exceeded the level established by the plan for 1950. The plan for mine preparatory work was completed on 12 December and 3,500 meters of mine cuts above plan have been worked.

Labor productivity increased 6.1 percent during 1948. Enterprises of the "Molotovugol" Combine effected a savings of 11,290,000 rubles above plan during 11 months of 1948. The plan for loading coal was completed both by industry and transport, and 712,000 more tons of coal were transported in 1948 than in 1947. Enterprises of the coal trusts have constructed 30,500 square meters of housing, which is 1½ times the annual plan and 4 times that of 1947. (From a letter to Stalin, signed by: Pigalov, secretary, Molotov Oblast Committee of the VKP(b); Plikhin, chief, "Molotovugol" Combine; Grigor'yev, chief engineer, "Molotovugol" Combine; Mityushkin, director of the "Stalinugol" Trust; Blinovskiy, secretary, Polovinka City Committee of the VKP(b); Korzhagin, director, "Kizelugol" Trust; Sobitskiy, director, "Kaspashugol" Trust; Liberskiy, secretary, Kizel City

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Committee of the VKP(b); Parnyskov, director, "Andreyevugol'" Trust; Belyakov, secretary, Gubakha City Committee of the VKP(b).)

KARAGANDA BASIN COMPLETES PLAN -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 6, 9 Jan 49

The Karaganda Coal Basin completed the annual coal-mining plan on 17 December 1948 and expects to produce 447,000 tons of coal by the end of the year. The basin effected a saving of 10,646,000 rubles in 11 months of 1948 as the result of lower costs. (From a letter to Stalin, signed by: Zh. Shayakhmetov, secretary, TsK KP(b) Kazakh SSR; T. Ababkov, secretary of Karaganda Oblast Committee of KP(b), Kazakh SSR; T. Shibayev, chief of the "Karagandaugol'" Combine; L. Yegorov, chief of Mine No 31; A. Merkulov, chairman, Karaganda Oblast Committee, Trade Union of Coal Miners; and M. Gorokhov, secretary, Karaganda Oblast Komsomol Committee.)

KARAGANDA BASIN PREPARES FOR 1949 -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 4, 7 Jan 49

A large program of industrial, housing, and cultural construction work is to be carried out in the Karaganda Coal Basin in 1949. Capital investment in the "Karagandaugol'" Combine alone is to be increased 100 million rubles over 1948. Mines No 37, 38 and 105 and Mikhaylovskiy Pit No 5 are to be put into operation in the first quarter of 1949.

The first large coal pit in the region of Ekibastuz will be opened. Large deposits of coking coal in Churbay-Kure will begin to be worked, construction of three large dressing plants will be completed, and construction will be started on three additional dressing plants in 1949. The central dressing plant is now undergoing reconstruction. One third of all capital construction will be devoted to housing and related installations. A total of 90,000 square meters of housing are to be constructed and new water mains are to be laid this year.

The existing road network is to be expanded; a paved highway will connect the new city with the old, another highway will connect the center of Karaganda with Saran', and Saran' with the old mines and the new mines, No 104, 105, and 110, now under construction. The first section of the streetcar line will be put into operation in 1949.

SUCCESS OF KARAGANDA MINERS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 24, 5 Feb 49

All five trusts of the "Karagandaugol'" Combine fulfilled the January plan ahead of schedule with a coal output considerably exceeding that of December. The "Stalinugol'" Trust was especially successful. The "Molotovugol'" Trust, under the management of Hero of Socialist Labor Obukhov, has greatly improved its operation and mined a large quantity of coal above plan.

Among the leaders are workers of the Mine imeni Zhdanov of the "Leninugol'" Trust. During January this mine exceeded the daily average level of coal mining planned for 1950.

INEFFICIENT USE OF MACHINERY SLOWS OUTPUT -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 5, 8 Jan 49

The slow adoption of new machinery in the Transbaykal mines is retarding the increase in coal output. Productivity of newly-installed machines, even in the leading Bukachaicha Mine Administration, is extremely low. The Arbagar Mine Administration has not yet installed scraper conveyers. The number of machines in the Torm Mine has increased 164 percent over 1940, transport facilities have increased

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by 70 percent, and the number of workers has increased by 2 percent. Coal output in 1948, however, was 29 percent lower than prewar output, and productivity of labor in the mine decreased by 39 percent as compared with 1940, all of which indicates inefficient organization of labor and utilization of machinery. Further development of the coal industry in Chita Oblast demands a new and higher level of mechanization and technology in mining coal.

TRANSBAYKAL MINES FULFILL PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 9, 14 Jan 49

Miners of the Bukachacha Mine Administration (director, I. German) are maintaining the high level of work which won them the Red Banner in the fourth quarter 1948. The 1949 plans call for a large program of capital construction in the mines. The miners have pledged to complete capital construction work on Mine No 1 by 7 November and on Mine No 2 by 5 December. Housing construction is to be developed extensively in 1949.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 2, 4 Jan 49

Bukachacha Mine No 3 considerably exceeded the daily quota for the first few days in January. However, the work of the mine administration as a whole has been unsatisfactory in January due to delays in loading cars.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 1, 1 Jan 49

The "Malyutka" Mine (chief, N. Kazey) in Chernovskiy Kopi completed the annual plan ahead of schedule, and fulfilled the December plan for mining coal 112 percent. The S-153 automatic loading machine, replacing eight miners, began operations on 31 December in Mine Face No 19.

KAZAKH SSR OPENS NEW MINES -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 4, 7 Jan 49

New mines have been added to the local fuel industry of Kazakh SSR. Mine No 4 of the Kel'temashat coal deposits, located in Yuzhno-Kazakhstan Oblast, has reached full capacity, and Mine No 9 has been put into operation. Coal enterprises in Kel'temashat are being mechanized. The first section of the mine in the newly opened Kaynaminskiy coal deposits in the Irtysh' region has been put into operation.

CHEREMKHOVO TRUSTS EXCEED 1948 PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 1, 1 Jan 49

The "Kirovugol" and "Cheremkhovugol" trusts in the Cheremkhovo Basin completed the 1948 plan ahead of schedule. Mines of the "Cheremkhovugol" Trust loaded 56 trainloads of coal above plan in 11 months of 1948. Miners in the basin are scheduled to increase output 100 percent in 1949.

NOVOSIBIRSK MINERS EXCEED PLAN -- Sverdlovskaya Sibir', No 7, 11 Jan 49

Miners of the Novosibirsk City Fuel Trust have been averaging more than 100 tons of coal daily above plan. Machinery repair has been a difficult process, necessitating transport of the machinery to Novosibirsk or Leninsk. It has now been decided to build a machine shop which will take care of all repair jobs in the area. It will be completed by mid-1949.

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